



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM ANTHONY YOUNG**



WEEKLY UPDATE MAY 8, 2006

I am pleased and excited to announce that today I was joined by City Attorney Michael Aguirre, Deputy City Attorney Makini Hammond, San Diego Police Captain Robert Kanaski, Senior Vice President of the Recording Industry Association of America, and Anthony Rosario of the Motion Picture Association of America to announce an injunction against Fam Mart. This indoor swap meet has created a serious problem in our community for years by allowing the sale of illegal DVDs and cassettes, illegal CDs, and counterfeit designer clothing. The sale of these items both indoor and outside in the parking lots around Fam Mart were an attraction for gang members, gang activity, criminal behavior which included shootings and stabbings, drug sales, and organized efforts to deprive legitimate businesses in the community of an opportunity to sale legal merchandise to the community.

This injunction is the result of an undercover operation and raid on Fam Mart which I announced to you in November, 2005. This raid resulted in the owner and (14) vendor owners and clerks being arrested on counterfeiting charges. Working with the City Attorney's office, a civil lawsuit was filed against Fam Mart for unlawful business practices and nuisance activities.

I commend and thank Mike Aguirre and Makini Hammond for following up on this raid and getting an injunction that requires the owners of Fam Mart to install an internet video camera system accessible to San Diego Police and have licensed security guards to ensure that illegal activity such as

counterfeit sales, drug sales, gang activity, gambling, and loitering does not occur either inside or outside of the premises.

This is a first for the City of San Diego and we are sending a message that we want responsible and ethical businesses operating in our communities and that businesses have a responsibility to ensure that their customers are able to park and shop in a safe environment to the maximum extent possible.

Northgate Gonzalez Market, the newest grocery store opening up in our communities is joining with SEDC to make a special effort in our community to hire employees that live in the 4th District.

They will be hosting a job fair on Saturday, May 13th from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Southcrest Park Plaza, 43rd street and I-805. Please come with a valid picture ID, resume (if you have it), and (3) personal references. This is an excellent employment opportunity for youth and adults and I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association is to be commended and congratulated on conducting their 16th Annual Neighborhood Law School.

These outstanding classes are on May 15, 22 and June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2006. This six week course held in the 4th district community of Emerald Hills will include classes on Consumer Rights, Landlord/Tenant Disputes, Adoption, Entertainment Law, Trust/Estates, and Bankruptcy. It is my hope that you can join this excellent group of attorneys who are giving back to the community at some or all of their classes. For additional information please contact Antoinette Middleton, Esq. at (619) 615-4203 or Petrina Burnham of my office at (619) 236-6644.

On Friday, May 12, 2006 come join the Firm Group and the African American Chamber of Commerce for the San Diego Unity Business Mixer to support an excellent program for youth, World Champion boxer Terry Norris's Youth Boxing Foundation.

This is an opportunity for you to support businesses that support our youth by attending this event from 6:00pm-9:00 pm at the Augergine, 500 4th Avenue.

Congratulations to Michael Brunker, Executive Director of the Jackie Robinson YMCA and Sharon Lawrence, Executive Director of Voices for Children for being selected by the Harvard Business Club of San

Diego as recipients of the 2006 San Diego Fellowship for Nonprofit Leadership Award. These two individuals are a positive force for the youth of our communities and are highly deserving of this honor.

Happy Mothers Day to all you outstanding mothers, my exemplary mom, my beautiful and loving wife, Jackie, and her exceptional mother.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's San Diego Chapter is hosting their 17th Annual Tribute Breakfast to Mothers on Saturday, May 13th at 8:00 a.m. in the Doubletree Hotel, mission Valley Hazard Center. It is my hope that you can join them in honoring outstanding mothers in the greater San Diego community.

Again, my thanks go out to you for supporting me in my efforts to make this City and the 4th District a better place to live, work, and raise a family

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